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MEMORANDUM TO DIVISION AND FIELD CHIEFS.

SUBJECT: Naval Information

The following is an expert statement of information likely to be of interest to Naval readers of our reports.

PRISONER OF WAR INFORMATION

1. Identification of U-Boats by description of their size, colour, camouflage, armaments, ships' badges, numbers, etc.
2. Same information regarding enemy raiders and blockade breakers.
3. Identifications of enemy Naval personnel of all ranks.
In this connection it should be emphasized that apparently trifling information may be of the greatest value -- for example, accounts of football games between U-Boat crews, of engagements and marriages involving Naval personnel, of inspections, of honours, awards and distinctions.
4. Information regarding U-boat construction, base facilities, communications (wireless radio, etc.).

SECURITY INFORMATION

1. Information regarding seaman's disputes, desertions, delays in shipping, marine casualties, relations between different groups of allied seamen such as Chinese, Greek, Yugoslav, etc.
2. Security measures developed by any Latin American countries, especially in their ports.
3. Illicit W/T activities and persons alleged to be concerned with them.

ENEMY MERCANTILE MARINE AND NAVAL FORCES AND
SUSPICIOUS VESSELS OF ALL KINDS

1. Any information regarding the size, specifications and disposition of German, Italian and Japanese Naval forces.
2. Similar information regarding enemy merchant marine.
3. Any information regarding vessels of neutral registry merchant marine shipping programmes both for construction and operation, of such countries as Argentine, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

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20. Ship's Bunkers exhausted - refuelling in mid-Ocean.

21. Oil for South American Naval purposes.

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